A New merry Dialogue betweene John and Beſſee

The two luſty brave Lovers of the Country.

Or, a couragious way of VVooing.

The Young-man very willing was to marry,
The Maid was loath a longer time to tarrie,
But when this couple were agreed
They married were with all the ſpeed,
Then liſt and I will plainly tell
How every thing in order fell.

The tune is, ſweet George I love thee,

I Am a Batchelour bold and brave,
ſweet Beſſe now I come to thee,
Thy love is the thing that I doe crave,
which makes me thus for to woe thee:
My heart is inflamed with Cupids hot fire,
One drop of thy mercy to cole I deſire,
If thou wilt but grant unto that I require,
I vow no harme to doe thee.

Ever ſince the firſt time that I did thee ſee,
faire Beſſe now I come to thee,
My heart and affection was linked to thee,
which makes me thus for to woe thee:
And now I am come for to tell thee my mind,
As true lobes ſtrong fettered chains doth me bind,
If thou unto me wilt be courteous and kind,
I vow no harme for to doe thee.

Ile buy thee ſilk Ribbons, Ile buy the gold Rings
ſweet Beſſe now I come to thee,
Black-bag and ſilk Apron and other rare things,
ſee now how I doe woe thee:
New gown and new petticoat, new hoſe & ſhoes,
A new beaver hat the beſt that I can chuſe,
Wethre Love doe not my proffers refuſe,
all this good will I doe thee.

Thou ſhalt have thy ſervants on thee to attend
ſweet Beſſe now I come to thee,
My purſe and my perſon thy life ſhall defend,
my ſuit is ſtill for to woe thee,
My goods & my ſubſtance my houſe and my land,
My mind and my ſences my heart and my hand,
Thou ſhalt every houre have at thy command,
all this good I will doe to thee.

Thou ſhalt have varieties what thou will wiſh,
ſweet Beſſe now I come to thee,
Served in at thy Table of Fleſh and of Fiſh,
my ſuit is ſtill for to woe thee;
Thou ſhalt have larks, chickens, hens capons or coney,
And any fine fare that can be bought for money
If thou'lt be my True-love, my Joy & my Honey,
all this I will doe for thee.

Moreover a faithfull promiſe I make,
ſweet Beſſe now I come to thee,
Whilſt breath's in my body Ile not thee forſake,
as ſure as now I doe woe thee:
Then prethee faire Beſſe eaſe me of my paine,
And doe not repay my true love with diſdain,
But as I have lov'd thee ſo love me againe,
and Ile be faithfull unto thee.

The ſecond Part, to the ſame tune

KInd Iohn I proteſt thou art welcome to me,
ſince thou art come for to wooe me;
Con thouſand to one but wee two ſhall agree,
now thou com'ſt lovingly to me,
Thy love and thy labour is not loſt in vaine,
For thus in few words I will tell thee here plain,
If thou com'ſt at midnight Ile thee entertaine,
I know no harme thou'lt doe me.

I have kept my maiden-head twenty long yeare,
before you come to wooe me,
And many a brave gallant that loved me deare,
made ſuite often unto me:
But I for myown part could love never a man,
Let them uſe the chiefeſt of skill that they can,
Untill the time came that I met with my Iohn,
I know no harme thou'lt doe me.

You promis'd me gold and you promis'd me ſil'r,
when you came firſt for to wooe me,
Becauſe that I your true Lover ſhould be,
theſe knacks you proffered unto me:
You promis'd me ſcarfs & you promis'd mr rings,
Silk gowns and ſilk apron and many brave things,
The which to my preſence much comfort it brings,
I know much good you will doe me.

Gay garments are good ſir of which I except,
now you ſo lovingly wooe me,
Your Silver is better I doe it reſpect,
both thoſe are welcome unto me,
But your proper perſon excéds all the reſt,
For you are the creature that I doe love beſt
I had rather have you then have gold in my cheſt,
for I know no harme you I doe me.

To bind up the bargaine and finiſh the ſtrife,
ſéeing you came hither to wooe me,
I prethee come quickly and make me thy wife,
I know no harme you'l doe me,
And when wee are married thou ſhalt have thy will
To clip and to kiſſe and to uſe thine own will,
I am thine own true love and ſo will be ſtill,
now I come merrily to thee.

This lucky young couple being joyntly agréed,
when he came for to wooe her, (ſpeed,
To Church then they went and were married with
then he bravely came to her:
Together they went as True lovers ſhould,
He gave her gay garments & rings of rich Gold,
And when they their tales had ſo pleaſantly told,
he did no harme unto her. L. P.

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